THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) There will be no impact of the TRIPS Agreement on. the prices of the existing drugs in the market whether patented or non-patented. The impact of the TRIPs Agreement on the drugs patented after 1-1-1995 will depend on a number of factors including the nature of the availability of the therapeutic equivalent substitute non-patented drugs in the market, licensing and marketing strategies adopted by the patent holders, including the option of local manufacturing and the general scenario that might be prevailing in the international market.

The Agreement does not, in any way, restrict the opportunities for research and development by the Indian manufacturers to develop new, innovative and economical process for drugs for which patent applications had been field before 1-1-1995. The WTO Agreement further provides a transition period of 10 years to countries like India to delay the application of the provisions on product patent protection to areas of technology not so protectable in their territories on 1-1-1995.

Wasteland development programme

1663. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of districts in the country including Arunachal Pradesh which have been brought under Wasteland Development Programme; and

(b) what are the salient features of these schemes with Central assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Department of Wasteland Development is implementing a project entitled 'Integrated Wasteland Development' in 99 districts of the country. A scheme for 'Grant-in-aid' which envisages 100 per cent, grant to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) Cooperatives, trusts, schools, colleges etc. for sustainable development of non-forest Wastelands including private wastelands, is also being implemented in 88 districts by the Deptt, of Wasteland Development. Another Grant-in-aid scheme, taken up by Ministry of Environment & Forests, is applicable to all the districts in the country.

Financial assistance for Grant-in-Aid schemes is provided for raising of seed lings, planting, training, and extension, soil & moisture conservation, grass and fodder development.

(b) The Department of Wasteland has taken up a number of schemes which are briefly described below:—

INTEGRATED WASTELANDS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT SCHEME

This scheme envisages an integrated approach to wastelands development and preparation of management plans based upon microplanning in consultation with the local people on a watershed basis. The components of the scheme include in-situ soil & moisture conservation, plantation, agro-forestry, fodder develpment etc.

TECHNOLOGY EXTENSION

The objectives of this scheme include identification if cost effective models suitable to various regions/agro-climatic zones for sustainable development of wastelands., propagation of genetically improved species of trees/ plantations relating to fuel and fodder biomass productions, Silvi-Horti plantations etc.

INVESTMENT PROMOTIONAL SCHEME

The Investment Promotional Scheme, which was approved in February, 1994 would cover afforestation, farm forestry and other land based activities. The principle objective of this scheme is towards promoting/ facilitating|attracting| channelising]mobilising resources from the financial institutions, corporate bodies including user industries and other enterpreneurs for the development of wastelands belonging to individual farmers,

village commons, institutions and government agencies. The scheme would provide financial assistance up to 25 per cent of the total project cost, after the costs have been appraised, firmed up and cleared for assistancs by the concerned banks/financial institutions.

WASTELANDS DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

Under this scheme, non-forest wastelands in inaccessible and inhospitable terrains like deserts, mountains ravines, mine areas, etc. will be developed for sustainable use. It is proposed to enlist the services of a discriplined force of ex-servicemen and the scheme would be operated with the assistance of the Directorate of Territorial Army.

राष्ट्रीय डेरी विकास बोर्ड द्वारा उठाया गया घाटा

1664. श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राष्ट्रीय डेरी विकास बोर्ड को इस वर्ष "मार्केट इण्टर्वेशन ऑपरेशन" के कारण घाटा उठाना पड़ रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह घाटा 1992–93 और 1993–94 में हुए घाटे से कितना अधिक है ;

(ग) घाटे के क्या कारण हैं तथा सरकार ने इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठाये हैं ;

(घ) क्या राष्ट्रीय डेरी विकास बोर्ड देश में धारा तेल के मूल्य में वृद्धि को नहीं रोक पाया है ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और इस संबंध में सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाए हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री श्री अरविंद नेताम) : (क) से (ग) राष्ट्रीय डेरी विकास बोर्ड तिलहनों/खाद्य तेलों के बारे में मण्डी हस्तक्षेप संबंधी कार्य 5 वर्ष की अवधि पूरी होने के उपरान्त 31 मार्च, 1994 से समाप्त हो गए। इसलिए इस वर्ष (1994–95) मण्डी हस्तक्षेप कार्यों के कारण राष्ट्रीय डेरी विकास बोर्ड को घाटा होने का प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

(घ) तथा (ङ) राष्ट्रीय डेरी विकास बोर्ड द्वारा मण्डी हस्तक्षेप कार्यों के समाप्त कर दिए जाने के बाद से राष्ट्रीय डेरी विकास बोर्ड स्वयं अपनी जिम्मेदारी पर "धारा" नाम के खाद्य तेल का विपणन कर रहा है।

Dairy Development Project

1665. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minster of AGRICULTURE bo pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Dairy Development Projects which are in progress in Madhya Pradesh with the assistance of the National Dairy Development;

(b) the assistance provided to Madhya, Pradesh during the last three years for the purpose; arid

(c) the details of the Dairy Development Projects likely to be set up in the State along with the cost involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) There are no Dairy Development Projects in progress in Madhya Pradesh with the Assistance of the National Dairy Development Board.

(b) The assistance provided to Madhya Pradesh under operation Flood III Programme for other purposes than mentioned in part (a) of the question during the last three years are as under:

Year	Rs. in lakh
1991-92	116.81
1992-93	59.37
1993-94	46.64

(e) No Dairy Development Project is likely to be set up in the State in near future with the assistance of NDDB.